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SUBJECT: MARINE GUARD DETACHMENT - PORT LOUIS

REF: PORT LOUIS 00204

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL
AND FOR PLANNING PURPOSES:

A. STAFFING FOR DETACHMENT HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN APPROVED.
NEXT MSG GRADUATING CLASS IS MAY 8 AND POSSIBILITY EXISTS
PERSONNEL CAN BE PROGRAMMED FROM THAT CLASS SUBJECT TO
POSTS' PREPAREDNESS TO ACCEPT. IF THERE ARE ANY SPECIAL
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CONSIDERATIONS OR LIMITING FACTORS IN ASSIGNMENT OF NCOIC
SUCH AS FAMILY SIZE, SCHOOLING, ETC., IT IS REQUESTED THAT
DEPARTMENT BE ADVISED.

B. DEPARTMENT MUST BE ADVISED OF HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS. IN
THIS REGARD, THE MARINE HOUSE SHOULD BE OF SUFFICIENT SIZE
TO PROVIDE SINGLE BEDROOMS FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE DETACH-

MENT AND AT LEAST ONE EXTRA BEDROOM TO ACCOMMODATE TDY OR FUTURE T/O INCREASE SHOULD IT BECOME NECESSARY. HOUSE

SHOULD CONTAIN COMMON SPACE SUFFICIENT IN SIZE TO ACCOMMODATE ENTIRE DETACHMENT AND THEIR GUESTS, AND BE FULLY FURNISHED. HOUSE SHOULD BE LOCATED IN REASONABLY CLOSE PROXIMITY TO EMBASSY IF POSSIBLE.

C. FULLY FURNISHED SEPARATE QUARTERS MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR NCOIC OF THE DETACHMENT. NCOIC MAY BE ACCOMPANIED BY DEPENDENTS.

D. MINIMUM SIZE OF A MARINE DETACHMENT IS ONE NCOIC AND FIVE WATCHSTANDERS. RECOMMEND THAT POST CONSULT WITH RSO TO DETERMINE NUMBER OF POSTS REQUIRED SO THAT APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF MARINES CAN BE ASSIGNED INITIALLY TO AVOID LATER INCREASES. IN THIS REGARD IT IS DESIRABLE TO OBTAIN 40 DUTY HOURS PER WEEK PER MAN.

E. POST WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE AND EQUIP AN OFFICE FOR THE NCOIC IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE MARINE POST IN THE EMBASSY LOBBY. MINIMUM FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THIS OFFICE WOULD NORMALLY INCLUDE DESK, CHAIR, TYPEWRITER, BOOKCASE, BARLOCK CABINET AND APPROPRIATE STATIONARY SUPPLIES.

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F. TARGET DATE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A DETACHMENT MUST BE PROVIDED. RECENT EXPERIENCE INDICATES ACTIVATION DATE SHOULD BE FAR ENOUGH IN ADVANCE TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR DELIVERY OF FURNISHINGS FOR AND LEASE NEGOTIATIONS FOR MARINE HOUSE WHICH SHOULD BE READY FOR OCCUPANCY UPON ARRIVAL OF MARINES. USUAL PRACTICE IS TO HAVE NCOIC REPORT TEN TO FIFTEEN DAYS PRIOR TO REPORT DATE OF DETACHMENT TO PREPARE NECESSARY GUARD ORDERS AND ACCOMPLISH ALL NECESSARY ADVANCE WORK.

G. PRIOR TO SIGNING ANY LEASE AGREEMENT IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT MARINE COMPANY COMMANDER FROM NAIROBI BE INVITED TO POST TO ADVISE ON ADEQUACY OF INTENDED QUARTERS. WHILE THIS PROCEDURE IS NOT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT IT HAS SAVED CONSIDERABLE PROBLEMS AT A LATER DATE.

H. ENTITLEMENTS FOR WHICH THE POST IS RESPONSIBLE AS WELL AS REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF MARINE SECURITY GUARDS MAY BE FOUND IN 3 FAM 149 AND 4 FAM 810-815. A COPY OF THE MARINE SECURITY GUARD HANDBOOK IS BEING FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION. SHOULD POST REQUIRE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMA-

TION OF EXISTING REGULATIONS, A/SY/OPS/FO/MSG WILL PROVIDE
UPON REQUEST.
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